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Bigger, Better Things For the All-Americans

About 30 years ago, what was then known as the House Un-American Activities Committee was looking into the question of whether Communists were behind some of the more suspicious New Deal legislation.

The committee needed money for its

investigations, which included a sharp all-American look at un-American appeals for better welfare payments.

More recently the House has voted the committee, now known as the Internal Security Committee, a \$570,000 budget. All-Americans in the House rejected an administration committee proposal that the sum be held to the previous record high of only \$450,000.

What will the committee do with this sum, more than has ever been received by many of the traditional standing committees of the House?

It needs more money than the previous record high of \$450,000 because it faces the job of determining whether Communists are behind the current rash of public demonstrations. This is what Chairman Richard Ichord of Missouri has assured us.

New Deal legislation, rather conservative in hindsight, and welfare problems no longer interest the committee, apparently. Presumably members of the committee think they no longer interest the people, for no report was ever tendered upon just what Franklin D. Roosevelt, the infamous Bolshevik, had thrust upon the country.

The committee has better fish to fry. Now its suspects include the millions who desire peace, civil rights, and other matters which democracy teaches us are worth demonstrating for.

The demonstrations which terrify Congress have given the committee 700,000 more individuals and groups to study, question and file.

This lowers the cost per suspect, and the committee might very well declare it offers bargain protection against all the insidious forces which cannot be watched by the FBI, the CIA, the Secret Service, police units, and the intelligence branches of the Army, Navy and Air Force.